

Driver Education Instructor Professional Development Requirements

The Driver Education Provider and Instructor Act, MCL 256.641, requires instructors to certify compliance with the professional development requirements prescribed by the Secretary of State.

In order to fulfill the professional development requirements for the first renewal cycle, all instructors must complete one of the options outlined below. The requirements must be met during the two years between the date the original certification was issued under PA 384 of 2006 and the expiration date on the Driver Education Instructor Certificate.

1. Attendance at a Secretary of State driver education instructor workshop on Michigan's driver education curriculum requirements. Please follow this link for information on curriculum workshops being offered. http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,1607,7-127-1627_40645_40650---,00.html
2. Registration and attendance at an approved state, regional or national professional traffic safety organization conference. Some conferences already approved include:
 - a. The 2008 Michigan Traffic Safety Summit. Please follow this link for specific information on the Summit. http://www.michigan.gov/msp/0,1607,7-123-1593_3504---,00.html
 - b. The Michigan Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association (MDTSEA) 2008 Conference. Please follow this link for specific information on the conference. <http://www.adtsea.org/michigan/>
 - c. The American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association (ADTSEA) 2008 Conference. Please follow this link for specific information on the conference. <http://www.adtsea.org/adtsea/conference/2008/default.aspx>
3. Attendance at an approved workshop, seminar, or other training offered by an accredited college or university, or sponsored by a professional organization (e.g., AAA, Association of Driving Educators for the Disabled, Michigan Center for Truck Safety, Michigan Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association, Office of Highway Safety Planning). In order to obtain approval for an option in this category, which is not listed on the Department's Web site, instructors should submit information describing the proposed workshop, seminar, or training (including date, time, location, and topics presented) to the Driver Programs Division for review. If the proposed option is acceptable, the workshop, seminar, or training class will be added to the Department's Web site as an approved option.
4. Current certification for Driver Rehabilitation Specialty through the Association of Driver Educators for the Disabled.

Instructors must retain appropriate documentation (e.g., registration receipts, certificates of completion, etc.) which reflects completion of professional development requirements. Reviews will be performed to ensure instructors have completed the minimum requirements.

Approved instructor professional development options will be posted on the Department's Web site and updated regularly. In addition, the Department is currently exploring the development of an Internet-based traffic safety program for use in the future as another professional development option.

If you have questions or need further information about professional development requirements, please contact the Michigan Department of State, Driver Programs Division at (517) 241-6850.